

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 690

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James Edward Hammond of Dandridge.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James Edward Hammond; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hammond was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, willing to sacrifice his personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, James Hammond served our nation for thirty-eight years in the United States Army, reaching the rank of master sergeant through his honorable service that sent him to such locations as Asia after World War II and to Korea as a paratrooper; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement from military service, Mr. Hammond worked for the Sevierville Wal Mart store; and

WHEREAS, James Hammond was an active and devout member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hammond was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, James Hammond's memory lives on with those who survive him, including his beloved wife, Shirley; and his children, Mike Hammond and wife, Vivica, and Sharon Tackett and husband, Jimmy; his grandchildren, Ryan Hammond and wife, Bonnie, Heather Carlson and husband, Jonas, Hannah Ledbetter and husband, Joe, Seth Hammond, Chastity Hale and husband, Jeremy, Tamara Chappell and husband, Anthony, Danielle Hurley and husband, Erik; his great-grandchildren, Austin Hale, Jasmine Hale, and Rose Hammond; his half-sister, Geneva Freeman; his brother, Max Hammond and wife, Phyllis; sisters-in-law, Virginia Hammond and Peggy Hammond; his nephews, Roy Lee Freeman and wife, Faye and John and

Sue Sargent; several other nieces, nephews, and cousins; and very special friends, Dennis and Louise Barney and Jim Sandidge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hammond was preceded in death by his parents, Loren and Edna Hammond, his brothers, Bill Hammond and Bob Hammond, and his half-brother, Sam Sargent; and

WHEREAS, James Hammond leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of James Edward Hammond, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Hammond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.